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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY

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1. THE FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S APRIL 10 ADDRESS TO CONGRESS WAS PRESENTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO ON APRIL 12. FACIO EXPRESSED FULL TO THE AMBASSADOR HIS UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE IDEAS EXPRESSED IN THE SPEECH.

2. REACTION TO THE SPEECH IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AND IN THE PRESS HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NIL, ONLY THE BRIEFEST OF WIRE SERVICE REPORTING.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRESS COVERAGE OF THE EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED, WITH FREQUENT EDITORIAL IN ALL THE MORNING DAILIES. SOME EDITORIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THE THEME OF "WHERE ARE ALL THE ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATORS NOW?" IN CONDEMNATION OF THE HYPOCRICY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS WHO STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE U.S. FOR ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND YET NOW REMAIN SILENT IN THE FACE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS ACCORDS.

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4. PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH MISSION CONTACTS HAVE SHOWN
MAINLY A CONCERN OVER THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE
CURRENT SOUTHEAST ASIAN SITUATION, AND SOME SENSE THAT THE
OUTCOME WAS INEVITABLE AND THE RESULT OF ERRONEOUS U.S.
POLICY IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME
PRIVATE COMMENTS UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTING CONSIDERABLE CON-
SERVATIVE OPINION THAT THE U.S. HAS LET DOWN AN ALLY AND
THAT THIS PLACES IN QUESTION THE RELIABILITY OF U.S.
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